

NOTTINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Assistant Resident Surgeon, unmarried. Salary £140 per annum, all found, except board.

PARISH OF FULHAM.—Second Assistant Medical Officer at the Infirmary, Fulham Palace-road, W., for six months. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum, with board, furnished apartments, and washing. Apply to the Clerk to the Guardians, Offices, Hammersmith, W.

PARISH OF ST. LEONARD, Shoreditch.—Second Assistant Medical Officer for the Infirmary, Hoxton-street, N., for six months. Salary £80 per annum, with rations, washing, and furnished apartments in the Infirmary. Apply to the Clerk to the Guardians, 213, Kingsland-road, N.E.

RIPON DISPENSARY AND COTTAGE HOSPITAL, Ripon.—Resident House Surgeon and Dispenser, unmarried. Salary £100 a year, with board and lodging.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—Two Examiners in Dental Surgery. Also Hunterian Professor, the Erasmus Wilson, and the Arris and Gale Lecturers.

ROYAL HALIFAX INFIRMARY.—Third House Surgeon, unmarried. Salary £50 per annum, with residence, board, and washing.

ROYAL PORTSMOUTH, PORTSEA, AND GOSPORT HOSPITAL.—Assistant House Surgeon for six months. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum, with board and residence.

ROYAL SOUTHERN HOSPITAL, Liverpool.—Junior House Surgeon. Salary, including board, &c., £84 per annum, with a bonus of £5 5s. quarterly. Also Honorary Physician.

ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL, Bath.—House Surgeon on June 1st for four months. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing.

ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, King William-street, West Strand.—Clinical Assistants for six months.

ST. MARY'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Plaistow, E.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer for six months, unmarried. Salary £80 per annum, with board, residence, laundry, &c.

SALOP INFIRMARY, Shrewsbury.—Assistant House Surgeon for six months. Salary at the rate of £40 per annum, with board and washing.

SOUTHPORT INFIRMARY.—Resident Senior House Surgeon. Salary £80 per annum, all found.

STROUD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House Surgeon. Salary £80 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing.

SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL, Brighton.—Resident Pathologist, unmarried. Commencing salary £40 per annum, with board, residence in the hospital, and washing. Also House Physician, unmarried. Commencing salary £50 per annum, with board, residence in the hospital, and washing.

THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF FACTORIES gives notice of vacancies for Certifying Surgeons under the Factory Acts at Tadcaster, in the West Riding of the County of York, and at Maesteg, in the county of Glamorgan.

THREE COUNTIES ASYLUM, near Hitchin.—Second Assistant Medical Officer (male), unmarried. Salary commencing at £150 per annum, with board, apartments, washing, and attendance.

TIVERTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—House Surgeon and Dispenser, unmarried. Salary £75 per annum, with board and residence.

WARNEFORD HOSPITAL, Leamington.—House Surgeon. Salary £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing.

YORK LUNATIC ASYLUM, Bootham, York.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary £130 a year, with board, washing, and attendance.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

COOKE.—At Lanowli, near Bombay, on March 30th, the wife of Dr. E. Hunt Cooke, M.A., of a son.

HICKMAN.—On April 28th, at Overton House, Wanstead, Essex, the wife of Herbert V. Hickman, M.B. Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of a son.

LEICESTER.—On May 2nd, at the residence of her brother-in-law, Minto-street, Edinburgh, the wife of Morton E. Leicester, M.D., of a daughter.

ROSS.—On May 7th, at Kiloran, Hilsea-terrace, Portsmouth, the wife of Richard Adolphus Ross, Surgeon Royal Navy, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

EDWARDS—HILL.—On May 2nd, at the parish church, Ludlow, by the Rev. E. ff. Clayton, M.A., rector, Lewis Charles Edwards, M.B., C.M. Edin., son of the late Rev. T. Charles Edwards, D.D., Principal of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, to Lillian, third daughter of the late R. C. Hill, Esq., Newcastle, Staff, and of Mrs. Lyon, Killiney, county Dublin.

JONES—RUSSELL.—On the 9th inst., at St. Peter's, Chalfont, by the Rev. F. Russell, vicar of the parish, Dr. J. Llewelyn Jones, of Melton Mowbray, son of David Jones, of Aberdare, to Helena Margaret, second daughter of the late Canon and Lady Mary Russell.

DEATHS.

DRUMMOND.—On May 5th, at Stoneycroft, Wakeham, Portland, Duncan Drummond, M.B., C.M., aged 38 years.

FLEMING.—On May 7th, at Manor-place, Edinburgh, James Boyd Fleming, M.D., Deputy-Inspector-General of Hospitals.

HIGHET.—At Singapore, on April 7th, Douglas Athelstan Campbell, only son of H. Campbell Highet, M.D., Physician to the Royal Palace, Bangkok, aged 19 months.

TYACKE.—On May 7th, at Westgate, Chichester, Nicolas Tyacke, M.D. Edin., F.R.C.P. Lond., J.P. for Sussex and Chichester, aged 87.

N.B.—A fee of 5s. is charged for the insertion of Notices of Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

Notes, Short Comments, and Answers to Correspondents.

ANDERSON AND FENNER v. MOELLER.

IT is not often that an action between a patient and his medical man comes before such a high authority as the Court of Queen's Bench. On May 8th and 9th, however, the Lord Chief Justice and a special jury were engaged in hearing an action brought by Dr. W. M. A. Anderson of Wimpole-street and Mr. Robert Fenner of New Cavendish-street, against Mr. Charles Moeller to recover the sum of £144 18s. for medical and surgical attendance upon the defendant. The plaintiffs had attended the defendant from April 5th until June 29th, 1899, when Mr. Moeller was found to be prescribing for himself and the plaintiffs accordingly withdrew from the case. Mr. Moeller was suffering from some rather obscure form of streptococcus poisoning which gave rise to articular troubles and phlebitis, together with endocarditis. The articular mischief was treated locally by hot soda baths and a hot-air bath. Dr. Anderson admitted that in a letter to Mr. Moeller's brother-in-law he had called the illness "rheumatic gout." Defendant's argument was that he had derived no benefit from the treatment but that he had suffered actual injury, and that the charges were excessive. In addition to the attendance of the plaintiffs defendant had seen Sir Thomas Lauder Brunton, Mr. Alfred Cooper, and an anaesthetist. He contended that the charges were excessive. Finally the jury found for the plaintiffs on the claim for fees, allowing 100 guineas; they also found for the plaintiffs on the counter-claim for damages, adding the following rider: "We are of opinion that the plaintiffs treated the defendant with all reasonable care and skill, and we attach no blame to them whatever." We congratulate Dr. Anderson and Mr. Fenner on the jury's vindication of their care and skill. The case was one of those in which the patient was undoubtedly very ill, but also irritable and hysterical. In fact, the Lord Chief Justice stigmatised his conduct as childish. We must enter a protest against Mr. Lewis Walton's remarks in his capacity as counsel for the defendant. It was doubtless his business to make out that Mr. Moeller was an ill-used martyr, and we do not complain of that, or even of his talking about the gross blunders of the plaintiffs. If the diagnosis was in doubt for some time it is quite certain that the two medical men would know a great deal more on the matter than would Mr. Walton. But what we do complain of is this. He is reported in the *Times* to have said: "The plaintiffs from their position as general practitioners ought to make very moderate charges, but a most exorbitant amount had been sent in to Mr. Moeller—£141 for 84 days' attendance—that amounted to nearly two guineas a day. That was not creditable to these gentlemen and it was for them to justify their account." Why, we should like to know, should a general practitioner necessarily be so very moderate in his charges? His education costs a great deal and although general practitioners do any amount of work for nothing they have a right to charge a well-to-do patient at a higher rate than a poor one. Mr. Moeller admitted that his income was £800 a year and he lives in Piccadilly at No. 201 which is not exactly the abode of a poor man. Besides, 84 days at two guineas a day amounts to £176 8s., and there is a good deal of difference between that sum and the sum which was charged. However, neither the jury nor the Lord Chief Justice seemed to agree with Mr. Walton, which was satisfactory for the plaintiffs.

UNUSUAL LAPSE OF TIME BETWEEN TWO PREGNANCIES.

To the Editors of THE LANCET.

SIRS,—On Sunday last, May 6th, I attended a woman, aged 47 years (in March last) with her third child, the second child being a young woman, 21 years and 10 months old. I believe this lapse of time, just upon 22 years, constitutes a record. I am sending you the facts for publication, feeling sure they will be of interest to your obstetric readers. The labour was not very long, lasting from 1 P.M. to 7 P.M., and was quite natural. The mother and child, a daughter, are doing well.

Esher, May 9th, 1900.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,
FREDERICK PRIDHAM, L.R.C.P.

THE NEED FOR REGISTRATION.

AN inquest which was held at Eastbourne on April 29th touching the death of a male infant, aged seven weeks, brought out several points of importance both to medical men and to the public. The mother stated that she had been attended in her confinement by Mr. Hillyard, a duly qualified medical man. On the day of the child's death the mother had to go out and left the child with her mother. He became suddenly ill and Mr. Hillyard was sent for, but he refused to attend. She still owed Mr. Hillyard 15s. The grandmother corroborated her daughter's statement and said that although she promised that the debt should be paid during the week Mr. Hillyard still refused to attend and also refused to give a death certificate. Dr. W. G. Willoughby, who made the post-mortem examination, said that death was due to natural causes and that the child had